

2023 Speech Contest Script

International Speech Contest - Clubs

1. **Red and green font copy are Script instructions.** Black and Blue font copy are to be read or spoken.

These instructions assume that your International Contest is not held on the same day as your Table Topics Speech Contest. **Contact** [pqd\[at\]d26leaders.org](mailto:pqd[at]d26leaders.org) **with any questions or concerns.**

<p>Contest Start Time SAA/Zoom Master</p>	<p>Call contest to order. Welcome fellow Toastmasters and honored guests to today's International Speech Contests. It is time to provide you, the audience, with some guidelines about today's speech contests. These proceedings are designed to ensure that we run a fair contest to give each contestant a level playing field in which to compete.</p> <p>Zoom Master reads Page 8 data which discusses any Technical difficulties. Note only the Chief Judge has the authority to decide how long to halt the contest.</p> <p>Before introducing Contest Toastmaster, the Contest Chair, President or VPE reads Toastmasters privacy statement found on page 7 of this script.</p>	
<p>International Speech Contest Toastmaster</p>	<p>Contest Chair, President or VPE --Introduce International Speech Toastmaster XX</p> <p><i>Thank you! Welcome everyone to the International Speech Contest.</i></p> <p><i>Today's contestants are competing for the ultimate title of World Champion of Public Speaking. In this contest, we will hear an original speech from each contestant. There will be one minute of silence after each contestant finishes for the judges to mark their ballots. After the final contestant for each area finishes, I will ask for silence until the judges are finished ranking the contestants and the counters have collected all the ballots.</i></p> <p><i>I will ask, each online contestant – please turn on their video, unmute yourself and pin the timer. When you are ready to begin say, READY >. Once each contestant responds READY, then I will introduce each in the same way: Contestant Name, Speech Title, Speech Title, Name.</i></p> <p><i>For the onsite contestants, I will introduce them with their Contestant Name, their speech title, repeat the speech title and repeat their name. The onsite contestant will say, "Thank you, Contest Toastmaster."</i></p> <p><i>By random drawing, the contestants will speak in the following order</i></p> <p>Readspeakingorderandsayeachcontestant'snamethesameway. Besuretopauseaftereachtoprovideaudientimetowriteitdownas needed.YoucanannounceeachAreapriortoeachArea'scontest.</p> <p>Contestant #1: _____</p> <p>Contestant #2 _____</p> <p>Contestant #3 _____</p>	

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<p>International Speech Contest Toastmaster</p>	<p>We will observe one minute of silence after each contestant has spoken while the judges mark their ballots. After the last contestant speaks for each contest, we'll remain silent until all the ballots have been collected.</p> <p><i>The contestants have been briefed and are ready to compete. Madame/Mister Chief Judge, have the judges, counters and timers been briefed? <Wait for affirmative response></i></p> <p><i><Contestant 1 - please turn on your video, enable your microphone and pin the timer. When you have done so, please say READY.></i></p> <p>Introduce Contestant</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contestant Name, Speech Title, Speech Title, Name</i></p> <p><i><Or, if the contestant is on site, then Introduce the contestant with the Contestant name, Speech Title, repeat the speech title, and repeat the contestant's name.></i></p> <p><i>The contestant will respond, "Thank you, Contest Toastmaster." Then you can leave the stage.</i></p>	
<p>Next</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHEN CONTESTANT FINISHES HER SPEECH, SAY:</p> <p><i>If Contestant is online, ask contestant to please turn video off and mute her microphone. Or, if contestant is onsite, then return to the stage. When done, request one minute of pause/silence. The timer can show the red screen or card and turn it off at the end of the 1 minute. Or, timer can say time, when one minute has passed.</i></p> <p><i>The cueing and introduction procedure is repeated for all contestants in each contest.</i></p>	<p><i>Or, if contestant is</i></p>
<p>Chief Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When the final International Contest is finished, ask for unlimited silence until all the ballots are collected and the counters and chief judge leave the room. "We will now observe an indefinite period of silence for our judges to complete their ballots and the ballot counters to collect the ballots." ● Zoom Master may show a slide on the screen to remind the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Announce to Toastmaster when all ballots are collected. "Madame/Mister Toastmaster: All ballots have been collected." 	

When the chief judge and ballot counters leave the room, then Contest Toastmaster begins interview of contestants.

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Zoom Master/Host or Co-Host	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• [If notified that there is a protest, move all the online judges, as directed by the Chief Judge, to the Judge's Room for protest resolution.] The chief judge will let you know when to move them back to the main contest room. The onsite judges will hear a code, "will the point person meet at the back of the room."] <p>The Chief Judge will text the ballot counters when the issue is resolved so that they can go to the ballot counting room.</p>	
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<p>Meet the Contestants</p>	<p>“Thank you, <u>Madame/Mister Chief Judge</u>.”</p> <p>“This concludes the INTERNATIONAL Speech Contest.”</p> <p>After the Chief Judge and ballot counters have left the meeting room the Toastmaster will direct Tech Chair/Zoom Master to unmute and allow video for all online contestants.</p> <p>Contestants, I will interview each of you in the order that you spoke by pinning each of you.</p> <p>Welcome (<i>contestant’s name</i>)!</p> <p>(<i>applaud the contestant</i>)</p> <p>Toastmaster will ask each contestant how long they've been a contestant and then one or two questions from their contestant profile.</p>	
<p>Tech Chair/Zoom Master show Virtual Certificate of Participation for each contestant as Toastmaster presents it/</p>	<p>(Ask only 1-2 questions from the contestant’s bio. If he/she answers it quickly, then ask one more question. We should only need to interview a contestant for 1 minute.)</p> <p>(If you become aware that the judges are dealing with a protest, you will have to interview for a longer period, Some additional questions to ask: What prompted you to enter the speech contest? What advice do you have for someone who is thinking of entering a contest? Is there anyone you wish to recognize or thank?)</p> <p>For the first contestant, you will read the certificate of participation. For subsequent contestants, you will simply present the certificate and let them know that the certificate will be emailed to them if they're online or hand it to next one by saying, We're pleased to present you with this certificate of participation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>{name of contestant #}</i>, “As recognition of your contest participation, this Certificate of participation reads, Speech Contest Certificate of Participation presented to</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>{contestant’s name}</i> for the <i>Club Name's # International Speech Contest</i> presented this _____ <i><date></i> by</p> <p><i><name of VPE or President></i></p> <p>Thank you for participating. Great job!</p>	

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<p>Ask the Tech Chair to Unmute and allow video for the audience</p>	<p><i>(applaud the contestant as you Move to interview the next and subsequent contestants.)</i> For Contestant #2 and subsequent contestants, say, “the Club is pleased to acknowledge your participation in this contest with a Certificate of Participation which will be emailed to you after the contest.” Or, if the person is there, hand it to him/her.</p> <p><i>Invite the audience members to turn their videos on and unmute to applaud the contestants.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conclude as Toastmaster by thanking the Club President and Contest Chair. Please help me welcome back our Contest Chair 	
<p>Contest Chair XX</p>	<p>Thank the volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognize Contestants <i>[no need to name them, just thank them]</i> ● Recognize Timers: ● Recognize Ballot Counters ● Recognize Technical hosts ● Recognize Chief Judge ● Recognize Toastmaster(s) – if there were 2 <p>Then say, each of you will receive a certificate of appreciation emailed to you.</p> <p><i>Let me remind everyone that today’s Contest winners will compete on _____<insert date>at the Area Speech Contests.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

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	<p>For Zoom Master or Sergeant-at-Arms at Beginning of contest, Toastmasters privacy statement is required to be read by you or the Club President or Contest Chair (VPE).</p> <p>“By attending this hybrid and remote speech contest, you agree to the privacy policy of Toastmasters International as well as the unassociated remote hosting service. Some of your personal information, such as name, image, and any shared messages may be shared with other meeting participants and will be recorded by Toastmasters International who may use the recording in the future as it sees fit. Your attendance</p>	
	<p>hereby discharges Toastmasters International from all claims, demands, rights, promises, damages, and liabilities arising out of or in connection with the use or distribution of said video recordings, including but not limited to any claims for invasion of privacy, appropriation of likeness or Defamation.”</p> <p>See next page for the other important data to share, especially for Technical difficulties.</p>	

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Zoom Master - Show Slide

It is time to provide you, the audience, with some guidelines about today's speech contests. These proceedings are designed to ensure that we run a fair contest to give each contestant a level playing field in which to compete.

1. During the contest today, it is important that everyone online is on mute so the contestants can speak and be heard without distraction. All online participants were muted by default as you entered. Please verify that your line is muted.
2. Also, during the contest, only the online speaker's video and the timer's video are allowed by Toastmasters International to be turned on. Audience members online may want to consider using Speaker View during the contest, found at the top right of your screen.
3. For our online audience, the chat feature will be turned off.
4. For our onsite attendees, Restrooms are located . During speeches, the audience is requested not to leave their seats.
5. No photographs or video recordings are allowed during contestant speeches – online and onsite.
6. Please take a moment now to turn off or silence cell phones and any other devices that may make noise during the contest.
7. **Should technology issues occur to the degree that hinders the contest, the chief judge for this contest can decide to stop the contest and resume when the issues are resolved.**
8. **If only one contestant is impacted, the chief judge will pause the contest until the technology issue is fixed. The contestant will resume his/her speech at the point at which the technology failed and will be allowed 30 seconds extra overtime before being disqualified.**